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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9051

INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

DOHA (POUCH)

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 1023

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR

SUBJECT: LOS: GOK PREPARATIONS FOR CARACAS CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 38170

1. SAUD NASSER AL-SABAH, OFFICIAL IN FONMIN LEGAL DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOS MATTERS, INFORMED CHARGE MARCH 17 THAT KUWAIT WOULD SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO GROUP OF 77 MEETING IN NAIROBI IN APRIL. HE INDICATED HOWEVER THAT THIS MORE OR LESS TOKEN REPRESENTATION AS GOK POSITION ON MOST LOS ISSUES DIFFERED FROM THOSE OF OTHER LDC'S (AND EVEN OTHER GULF STATES) ESPECIALLY WHERE OFFSHORE FISHING ZONES WERE CONCERNED. ALTHOUGH KUWAIT WOULD PARTICIPATE IN MEETING IT DID NOT CONSIDER ITSELF BOUND BY ANY DECISIONS THAT MIGHT BE REACHED.

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2. SAUD ASKED FOR INFO RE U.S. POSITION ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS

AT CARACAS CONFERENCE. HE BELIEVED THIS WOULD BE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM AND THAT REQUIREMENT FOR CONSENSUS OR NEAR-CONSENSUS AGREEMENT TO ARTICLES WOULD JEOPARDIZE REALIZATION AN LOS TREATY. SAUD SAID KUWAIT POSITION WAS THAT TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY WAS ADEQUATE EMBOFF ASSURED SAUD OF USG DETERMINATION TO REACH VIABLE REGIME FOR LOS, AS WITNESSED BY U.S. PROPOSAL FOR PROVISIONAL APPLICATION OF LOS CONVENTION (SAUD HEARTILY ENDORSED PROVISIONAL APPLICATION).

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBOFF WILL BE DISCUSSING LOS QUESTIONS WITH SAUD OVER COMING WEEKS AND WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF USG POSITION ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS, ESPECIALLY MAJORITY REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL OF DRAFT ARTICLES, AND RATIONALE USG POSITION.  
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